

Appl. No. 09/872,141
Amd. Dated October 17, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of August 9, 2005 and
Advisory Action of October 4, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated October 4, 2005 is respectfully requested. Claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 19, 25-27, 37, and 38 have been allowed. Claims 1-7, 10-13, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 28-34, 36, and 39-45 have been rejected. Claims 1-7, 10-13, 16, 17, 21, 24, 31, 33, 36, and 43-45 have been cancelled. As such, claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 18-20, 25-30, 32, and 37-42 are currently pending.

Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 18, which has been allowed. As such, claim 20 is now believed to be allowable. Claim 28 has been amended to depend from claim 25, which has been allowed. As such claim 28, as well as claims 29 and 30 which depend from claim 28, are now believed to be allowable. Claim 39 and 42 have been amended to depend from claim 37, which has been allowed. Since claims 40 and 41 depend from claim 39, claims 39-42 are now believed to be allowable.

Claim Objections

Claim 36 has been objected to by the Examiner for informalities. The Applicants have cancelled claim 36. As such, it is believed that the Examiner's objection to claim 36 is now moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 10-13, 16, 17, 20, and 43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Finn (U.S. Patent No. 6,728,205), herein after "Finn." Claims 21, 24, 28-33, 36, 39-42, 44, and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Finn in view of Doshi (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,248), herein after "Doshi."

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In view of the cancellation of some claims, and amendments made to others, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections of the claims are now moot.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, the Applicants believe all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 868-4096.

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